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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Eric H. Kawashima, et al.

Application No.: 09/402,277

Filed: September 30, 1999

For: METHOD OF NUCLEIC ACID  
AMPLIFICATION

Examiner: Frank Lu

Art Unit: 1655

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated for 2 months, from October 20, 2000 to December 20, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$390.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account.

**This petition is submitted in triplicate.**

Respectfully submitted,

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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [X] Return Receipt Postcard;  
[X] Petition to Extend Time (2 months);  
[X] Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111; and,  
[X] 25 sheets of Substitute Drawings.

If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.

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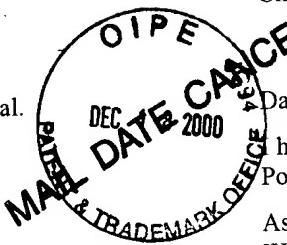
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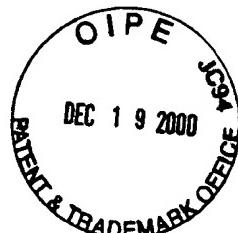


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